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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., December 22, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.51 million cattle on feed on December 1, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 5 percent from last year and 9 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the largest inventory since the data series began in 1994.

Placements during November totaled 460,000 head, up 5 percent from 2005 and 12 percent above 2004.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of November totaled 380,000 head, up 25 percent from last year and 23 percent above November two years ago. This is the largest November marketings since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during November totaled 10,000 head, compared with 15,000 head last year and 10,000 in 2004.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on December 1, 2006. The inventory was 2 percent above both December 1, 2005 and 6 percent above December 1, 2004. This is the highest December 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.89 million, 8 percent below 2005 but 8 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 6 percent above 2005 and 10 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during November, 9 percent below 2005 and 23 percent below 2004.

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